

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE, THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR, AND HURRICANE RECOVERY, 2006—CONFERENCE

SPEECH OF

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2006

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, the supplemental appropriations legislation passed by the House will spend nearly \$95 billion of taxpayer money yet will not help our veterans, will not secure peace in Iraq, and will not make our homeland safer and better for working families.

The Bush administration continues to underfund the health care services for veterans and sent our troops to war without a plan to secure the peace. When our servicemen and women return home they are returning to a system that cannot care for them or provide the benefits they so greatly sacrificed for and deserve. And the hurricane season began again on June 1 but this Nation is no closer to be prepared for a hurricane under this administration than it was the day before Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma struck land. This bill will not resolve these issues.

Instead of passing the biggest supplemental ever passed by Congress, Congress should take real steps to help protect our country and ensure our veterans and their families receive the care they need. We should pass the GI bill of rights for the 21st century to ensure affordable and accessible health care, education benefits and job training. We need to take seriously the impact of the war on veterans and their families and pass legislation I have introduced to ensure access to needed mental health counseling. We should develop a real plan to bring our troops home safely and secure the peace.

I strongly support our troops, our veterans and their families and will continue to fight to ensure they receive the well-deserved support of their country. I will continue to fight to improve the quality of life for working families. And I will continue to make sure America is a safer place.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. CLIFFORD YOUNG

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 16, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Clifford Young, a distinguished member of the medical community. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding leader and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing his impressive accomplishments.

Dr. Clifford Young is affectionately known by members of the Brooklyn, New York community as "The People's Doctor." Dr. Young is a man who overcame tremendous challenges to practice medicine, and then did his best to help people once he got his degree.

Dr. Young was born on the multiple island nation of St. Vincent and the Grenadines lo-

cated in the eastern Caribbean. Upon graduation from secondary school, he received a PAHO/WHO scholarship to the Barbados Community College where he studied laboratory technology. After a short tenure at the lab of the Kingstown General Hospital, he migrated to the U.S. to continue his studies. In 1980, he enrolled at Hunter College of the City University of New York and in 1984 he graduated with a bachelor's degree in chemistry. In 1989, he received a doctor of medicine degree from the State University of New York, Downstate Medical Center. After completing his residency, Dr. Young served as an attending physician at the Woodhull Medical Center in Brooklyn, a position he still holds today. Dr. Young is also an attending physician in the Department of Medicine at the Brookdale University Hospital, and is the medical director of Citi Medical of Carnasie in Brooklyn. But Dr. Young doesn't stop there. He is also a clinical assistant professor with the Department of Medicine at Downstate Medical School, SUNY; a Diplomat of the Medical Board of Medical Examiners, a Diplomat of the American Board of International Medicine and a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. In recognition of his outstanding charitable work and contributions, Dr. Young also received the Family Service Network of New York 2005 Community Health Award and the Thomas R. Fortune Professional Health Care Award in 2006.

Dr. Young is happily married to the former Hilma Foster; they have two daughters, Nyasha and Chantay, and one son, Clifford Jr.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments of Dr. Clifford Young, a man who has made giant strides in the field of medicine, and whose service makes him most worthy of our recognition today.

EXPANDING DEMOCRACY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 16, 2006

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an upcoming event that should be of interest to my colleagues. The Democratic Pacific Union was founded in August 2005 and its Pacific Congressional Caucus (Taiwan Chapter) was inaugurated on May 20, 2006. Chaired by Taiwan Vice President Lu Hsiu-lien, the Taiwan Chapter has been very active in promoting democracy, peace and prosperity through the publication of the Democratic Pacific Union Quarterly, the scheduling of regional meetings in the East and the West Pacific regions, the initiation of the Pacific Economic Advisory Group and the Pacific Congressional Caucus project.

I commend Chair Lu Hsiu-lien of the Democratic Pacific Union for her hard work and applaud the Taiwan Chapter for all its initiatives on behalf of the Democratic Pacific Union in their pursuit of a stronger democratic process.

The Taiwan Chapter will also sponsor a symposium on congressional reform this summer in Taipei from August 12–14. The symposium will discuss the relationships between legislature and democracy, the electoral process, rules and campaign finance. As the

world's strongest democracy, the United States can contribute greatly to this event. I urge my colleagues to attend this symposium and share their knowledge and expertise with fellow lawmakers from the Pacific region.

TRIBUTE TO THEODORE FLOYD: RESPECTED COMMUNITY LEADER AND DEVOTED PUBLIC SERVANT

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 16, 2006

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a dear friend, Detective Theodore Floyd of the Indian River Sheriff's Department.

As a former Florida Highway Patrolman myself, I have proudly worn the titles "law enforcement officer" and "first responder." But Theodore Floyd is more than that, because he is truly a peace officer who takes a broader view of his responsibilities.

On Saturday, June 17, 2006, at St. Peter's Missionary Baptist Church in Vero Beach, Florida, a service of appreciation will be held for Mr. Floyd, who has had a distinguished 15-year career in law enforcement with the Indian River Sheriff's Department.

Detective Floyd recently implemented crime prevention strategies in communities throughout Indian River County. He has built strong relationships with community leaders and elected officials that have increased the security and safety of Indian River County residents. He has aided in rallying county government to improve living conditions for the County's less fortunate.

Detective Floyd has previously been honored by many organizations over his long career. He has been recognized by the Daytona Beach and Volusia police departments, and has been named Pastoral Law Enforcement Man of the Year.

Mr. Floyd is an active member of many community-based organizations, including the Progressive Civic League, the local NAACP, Habitat for Humanity, the Treasure Coast Business League, and the Gifford Activity Center, among many others.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join the Pastor's Association, Indian River County Sheriff Roy Raymond, Indian River County Commissioner Gary Wheeler and Vero Beach City Commissioner Bob Solari in honoring Detective Floyd for his incredible dedication and service, both on-duty and off.

As a dear friend of Teddy's, I take pride in his distinguished career. As a public servant myself, I admire what he has been able to achieve.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL DAY

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 16, 2006

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay my respects to Michael J. Day, who tragically died in the line of duty earlier this week. Mr. Day, the Deputy Assistant Fire Chief and 27-year veteran of the Providence Fire Department, was dedicated to his profession and to serving his community.

On June 13, Mr. Day had returned to the Washington Street Fire House after responding to a fire earlier in the night. As the overnight shift began, Michael had been working in his office when a coworker found him unconscious. While his fellow firefighters did all in their power to resuscitate him, they were unable to do so.

A lifelong resident of Providence, Mr. Day came from a family of firefighters, which included his father and three brothers. He attended LaSalle Academy and after graduating from the fire academy, he was appointed to the Providence Fire Department in 1979. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education from Rhode Island College in 1980 and another B.A. in Fire Science at Providence College in 1981.

Michael was promoted to Lieutenant in 1989, the same year he was honored as the Providence Firefighter of the Year and received the Heroic Action commendation for rescuing four people from the roof of a burning house. This was just one of many times he would be recognized for his outstanding service and courage on the job. He was promoted to Captain in 1995, Battalion Chief in 2000, and most recently to Deputy Assistant Fire Chief on June 30, 2005. He oversaw operations at multiple fire stations and was the top ranking officer of his shift. Michael had just completed his final class in the Executive Officer program at the National Fire Academy.

As a beloved father figure to his fellow firefighters, I have no doubt that Michael Day will leave a lasting legacy to the entire Providence Fire Department and the Providence community. I extend my condolences to all who knew and loved Michael Day, especially his wife, Cynthia; his son, Michael; and his daughters, Amanda, Brianne and Stephanie. May we keep his loved ones in our thoughts and prayers as they endure this difficult period.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF
SAMUEL R. AND JESTINE W.
FOSTER

HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 16, 2006

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I want to call to the attention of the House a milestone in the lives of an all-American family. Fifty years ago, on June 14, 1956, Samuel R. Foster and Jestine Wright were united in a marriage that inspires all of us who know them. Both dedicated their lives to public service as school teachers and administrators. Early in the era of school integration, Sam Foster was selected as principal to start a new school, Northwestern High School in Rock Hill, South Carolina. This was a great challenge for an African-American educator, but Sam rose to the challenge and won the respect of students and parents, white and black. Sam Foster moved from education to elective office and served with distinction in the South Carolina General Assembly. He became known throughout the state for his wisdom and ability and especially for his facility to see all sides of an issue and cut to the essence of an argument. Sam Foster completed his career in public service as a commissioner on the South Carolina Employment Security Commission.

All who know the couple well know that Sam Foster has derived much of his wisdom and insight over the years from the counsel of his wife, Jestine.

Two sons were born to Sam and Jestine Foster, Sam and Alan, both of whom have been successful in their own right, bringing further distinction to their parents.

Mr. Speaker, I call the Fosters to the attention of the House because their marriage and family are exemplary and worthy of recognition throughout the Nation.

A TRIBUTE TO CHERYL
MCKISSACK FELDER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 16, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Cheryl McKissack Felder, a distinguished member of the business and civic communities. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding leader and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing her impressive accomplishments.

Born in Nashville, Tennessee, to teacher Leatrice and architect, William D. Berry McKissack, Cheryl McKissack Felder's passion for the skill and art of design/build evolved through five generations of master builders. In sustaining the McKissack tradition in a male-dominated industry, Cheryl's innovative ideas and business leadership skills has proven to be triumphant in exceeding the expectations of clients and colleagues alike.

Joining the family business in 1989 after achieving her Master of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Howard University, Cheryl holds a unique position in the construction and engineering industries as the head of the Nation's oldest African-American and women-owned design and construction firm. Her hands-on and close client interaction management approach assure clients that every detail of each project will be handled with care and precision. With McKissack providing services throughout the United States, Cheryl has contracted over \$50 billion dollars in projects. Some of Cheryl's most distinguished clients include the City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia Housing Authority, Dormitory of the State of New York, Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New Jersey Port Authority and Philadelphia International Airport.

With offices in Philadelphia and New York, Cheryl has pioneered the McKissack company to today's, McKissack & McKissack, LLC; the corporate entity and holding company and 721 Chestnut; a real-estate company. Cheryl serves as the President of The McKissack Group, Inc., a full service construction management firm specializing in new construction and renovation projects. She is the Chief Executive Officer of McKissack and Associates, Inc., a professional architecture firm that provides conceptual and schematic design, preconstruction administration and design development services. Cheryl stays on the cutting edge of technology as the Chief Executive Officer of M&M Solutions, LLC, an information technology firm providing advanced web-based technology, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), infrastructure, telecommunications and IT project management. Services

provided by MMS include business process integration, web development, multimedia design, wireless communications and application development.

Cheryl is also a community leader. She has served as the Vice Chair of the Philadelphia Authority of Industrial Development, and co-chair on Philadelphia Mayor John Street's Transition Committee for Small Business. Cheryl is also an active member of the National Liberty Museum Board, where she has been honored as a "Hero of Liberty" for her support of humanitarian initiatives and promoting the responsibilities of a free and diverse America.

A strong community leader and a business mogul, Cheryl prides herself with her most dedicated and greatest accomplishments of being a wife and mother.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments of Cheryl McKissack Felder as she offers her talents and philanthropic services for the betterment of our local and national communities.

Mr. Speaker, Cheryl McKissack Felder's selfless service has continuously demonstrated a level of altruistic dedication that makes her most worthy of our recognition today.

A STIRRING STORY ABOUT
SERGEANT CEDRIC CALDWELL

HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 16, 2006

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to share with my colleagues a stirring story about Sergeant Cedric Caldwell, one of my constituents, from Rock Hill, South Carolina. His story is one example of the brave men and women serving in Iraq.

[From the Herald, May 28, 2006]

ROCK HILL SOLDIER SAVED LIVES OF COMRADES IN IRAQ WHEN BOMB SHREDDED CONVOY TRUCK

(By Andrew Dys)

The U.S. Army convoy rolled where death lives.

About 30 miles north of Baghdad. Night in Iraq couldn't have been darker. Late April, a little more than a month ago.

Rock Hill's "Corn Dog," Sgt. Cedric Caldwell, manned the front machine gun on one of the convoy escort trucks. A sergeant from California named Torres was beside him. A private first class named Squires drove.

The truck looked like America. A black guy, a white guy and a Hispanic guy.

But Iraq in the night is not like America where so many spend nights howling about blacks and Hispanics. In Iraq in Alpha Battery, 3rd Battalion, 321st Field Artillery Regiment, your brothers who don't look like you are all you've got.

No color matters but the indigo of night and the yellow of fire and the red of blood.

"All of a sudden, there was a loud explosion, and I fell down inside the cab on Torres," Caldwell remembered.

The truck rolled and tipped over on its top.

"I must have gotten knocked out for a minute," Caldwell said. "Then all I could see was fire and smoke everywhere. Except for the picture in my mind. It was just like a photograph. My wife and my daughter. It's